

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Tuesday, March 14, 2006 5:20 p.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (11/11)

Representative Sheltroun made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2006, supported by Representative Proos. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee:

HB 5711	Proos	Environmental protection; other; presumption of compliance with environmental law; provide for farm participating in MAEAP program.
HB 5712	Booher	Agriculture; other; authority for permitting livestock facilities; revise.
HB 5713	Mortimer	Environmental protection; other; booklet regarding on-farm fuel storage; require department of environmental quality to publish.
HB 5714	Stahl	Environmental protection; other; complainant's name to be given when filing a complaint concerning a farm with the department of environmental quality; require.
HB 5715	Nitz	Environmental protection; water pollution; clean water fund nonpoint source program; designate department of agriculture to oversee.
HB 5716	Pavlov	Environmental protection; water pollution; clean water assistance nonpoint source programs; designate department of agriculture to oversee.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding the bills:

Sam Hines, representing the Michigan Pork Producers Association, in support
Elwood Kirkpatrick and Gary Trimner, representing the Michigan Milk Producers Association, in support

Kevin Gould, representing the Michigan Cattlemen's Association, in support
Ron Nelson, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, and Brent Skinner, representing himself, in support
James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in opposition
Anne Woiwode, representing the Sierra Club, in opposition
Gayle Miller, representing the Sierra Club and numerous residents unable to attend this meeting, in opposition
Irene Cahill, representing herself and citizens of Livingston County, in opposition
Dr. Sandra Nordmark, representing the Michigan Farmers Union, in opposition

Cards for the bills were submitted by:

David Cheney, representing the Cheney Farms, in support
Katherine Hawkins, representing the Michigan Cattlemen's Association, in support
Pete Blauwiekel, representing the Blue Wing Farms, in support
Dennis Mahoney, representing the Saginaw County Farm Bureau, in support
John Hardman, representing the Gratiot County Farmers, in support
Paul Knoerr, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau and the Knoerr Farms, in support
Mark Sears, representing the Michigan Cattlemen's Association, in support
Dennis and Linda DeYoung, representing the DeYoung Hog Farm, in support
Jim Graham, representing the Michigan Farmers Union, in opposition
Judy Kindel, representing herself, in opposition

Carol Linteau, representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, was present to answer questions.

Subsequent to discussion, Representative Proos made a motion to report HB 5711 with recommendation, supported by Representative Casperson.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: Representative Kathleen Law. (1/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/1/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Hune made a motion to report HB 5712 with recommendation, supported by Representative Sheltroun.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Spade, Sheltroun. (9/11)

Nays: Representative Kathleen Law. (1/11)
Pass: Representative Mayes. (1/11) (9/1/1)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Newell made a motion to report HB 5713 with recommendation, supported by Representative Hune.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)
Nays: Representative Kathleen Law. (1/11)
Pass: None. (0/11) (10/1/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Stahl made a motion to report HB 5714 with recommendation, supported by Representative Mayes.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)
Nays: Representative Kathleen Law. (1/11)
Pass: None. (0/11) (10/1/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Proos made a motion to report HB 5715 with recommendation, supported by Representative Ball.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Spade, Sheltroun. (9/11)
Nays: Representative Kathleen Law. (1/11)
Pass: Representative Mayes. (1/11) (9/1/1)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Hune made a motion to report HB 5716 with recommendation, supported by Representative Newell.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Spade, Sheltroun. (9/11)

Nays: Representative Kathleen Law. (1/11)

Pass: Representative Mayes. (1/11) (9/1/1)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:02 p.m.

Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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